

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Conventions Pre-Test

This assessment was designed to help teachers determine which aspects of punctuation, mechanics, and usage they may need to spend more time reviewing with writers. Please follow the directions carefully for each section below.

### Part I: Usage/Homonyms

Directions: Please complete the sentence by circling the appropriate word.

1. It was (their/there/they're) turn to present.
2. I like everything on my pizza (except/accept) for mushrooms.
3. (Who's/Whose) purse is this?
4. The baby bird fell from (it's/its) nest and broke (it's/its) wing.
5. Now that school is back in session, I'll bet (your/you're) evenings are very busy!
6. That is heavier (than/then) I expected.
7. He said (we're/were) going to the beach again this summer.
8. (They're/There/Their) coming for Thanksgiving dinner.
9. It's time that you (accept/except) his apology.
10. Don't do anything that will (effect/affect) my schedule please.

## **Part II: Commas**

Directions: Each sentence includes a comma error. If a comma is inappropriately placed, place a line through it. If a comma needs to be added, place it properly within the sentence.

11. Frankly the team's performance was pretty awful.
12. I wore a dress to the wedding but then I changed into a pair of jeans later.
13. Karen, who was the student-council president, said hello.
14. The people, who stole the money, were never caught.
15. My sister refuses to eat shrimp garlic or peanut butter.

## **Part IV: Apostrophes**

Directions: Please add apostrophes where they belong within the sentences below.

16. The accidents were nobodys fault.
17. The drivers cars were not seriously damaged.
18. One car is lying in a ditch on its side. Its a 2000 Ford Explorer.

## **Part V: Subject-Verb Agreement**

Directions: Please revise the sentences to correct subject-verb agreement, if necessary.

19. A big part of my plan for the future are having children.

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20. My mother and my father sings in the church choir.

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21. The profits earned from our garage sale is not very high.

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## **Part VI: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement**

Directions: Please revise the sentences to correct pronoun-antecedent agreement, if necessary.

22. Every one of the new bunnies thrived in their new home.

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23. The team changed its positions to practice different skills.

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24. Each child will be asked to clean out their locker at the end of the year.

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## Part VII: Sentence Fragments

Directions: Please place a check mark next to each sentence that includes a fragment. Then, make necessary changes.

25. \_\_\_\_\_ He was a good dog. The best one I ever had.

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26. \_\_\_\_\_ The old cat hiding under the porch.

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27. \_\_\_\_\_ You're right!

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